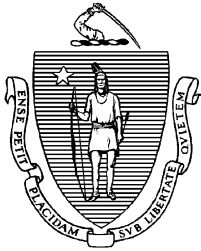


Representative Smola of Palmer

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIVE

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ARREST WITHOUT A WARRANT OF PERSONS
BELIEVED TO HAVE COMMITTED ASSAULT AND BATTERY A
PUBLIC SERVANT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES. *Be it enacted by
the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the
authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 13A of Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking lines 5 through 8 and replacing with the following:—
Law enforcement officers may arrest without warrant any person he has probable cause for believing has committed the offense of assault and battery.

SECTION 2. Section 13D of Chapter 265 of the General Laws as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 6 the following new sentence:— Law enforcement officers may arrest without warrant any person he has probable cause for believing has committed the offense of assault and battery upon a public servant in the performance of his duty.